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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

MEXICO PREPARING AGREEMENT WITH CEMA: OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW REPORTS THAT A RELIABLE SOURCE HAS INFORMED THEM THAT MEXICO WILL PROBABLY SIGN AN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH CEMA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THIS WOULD MAKE IT THE FIRST WESTERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRY AFTER CUBA TO SIGN A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH CEMA. (LOW)

TURKS ON CYPRUS TO STAND PAT UNLESS PROVOKED:

TURKISH MILITARY FORCES HAVE NO PRESENT INTENTION OF ADVANCING INTO GREEK CYPRIOT AREAS OR ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE TURKISH CYPRIOTS STRANDED IN GREEK CYPRIOT AREAS. SENIOR TURKISH OFFICERS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE RULED OUT UNILATERAL TURKISH OPERATIONS BECAUSE OF THE EFFECT THEY WOULD HAVE ON WORLD OPINION AND ON THE SUPPLY OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT. ANKARA IS SAID TO BE WORRIED, HOWEVER, OVER WHAT IT SEES AS A BUILDUP OF GREEK FORCES ON THE ISLAND.

THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF HAS RECEIVED GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF A CONTINGENCY PLAN THAT CALLS FOR A MAJOR MILITARY RESPONSE IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS LAUNCH A MAJOR ATTACK AGAINST TURKISH FORCES ON CYPRUS. THE PLAN, IF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED, WOULD LEAVE TURKISH FORCES VIRTUALLY IN CONTROL.

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAID DISGRUNTLED; MAY BE REPLACED: FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES IS DESCRIBED AS DISSATISFIED WITH HIS JOB. THIS, PLUS HIS APPARENT DIFFICULTY IN MASTERING THE JOB, COULD LEAD TO HIS RESIGNATION OR REPLACEMENT SOME TIME AFTER NEW YEAR'S. SAUVAGNARGUES IS REPORTEDLY DEPRESSED BY HIS INABILITY TO OBTAIN GUIDELINES ON FOREIGN POLICY FROM PRESIDENT GISCARD. HE

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HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY FRUSTRATED IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO PREPARE FOR THE EC SUMMIT CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GISCARD, TYPICALLY, IS INSISTING ON MAKING POLICY DECISIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE HIMSELF AND HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE WHEN SAUVAGNARGUES HAS SOUGHT GUIDANCE. SAUVAGNARGUES IS UNHAPPY WITH WHAT HE REGARDS AS INTERFERENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY BY PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC AND INTERIOR MINISTER PONIATOWSKI, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAUVAGNARGUES ALSO IS SAID TO FEEL INADEQUATE. AT A RECENT EC MEETING, SAUVAGNARGUES, WHO WAS CHAIRMAN, WAS HEARD TO MUTTER -- IN RANGE OF THE MICROPHONE -- THAT HE WAS COMPLETELY OUT OF HIS DEPTH. SOME CLAIM THAT, UNLIKE JOBERT, SAUVAGNARGUES FAILS TO MASTER HIS SUBJECTS AND MAKES NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE GISCARD. [REDACTED]

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ECEVIT'S PARTY WITHHOLDS SUPPORT FROM IRMAK: PRIME MINISTER SADI IRMAK'S CHANCES OF BEING CONFIRMED IN OFFICE IN THE CONFIDENCE VOTE EXPECTED FRIDAY RECEIVED A SEVERE BLOW YESTERDAY WHEN FORMER PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT ANNOUNCED THAT HIS PARTY COULD NOT SUPPORT THE IRMAK GOVERNMENT. THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE STILL IS NOT CERTAIN, HOWEVER, AS IRMAK COULD STILL RECEIVE THE SIMPLE MAJORITY HE NEEDS IF THOSE OPPOSED SIMPLY ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST HIM.

ECEVIT'S DECISION NOT TO SUPPORT IRMAK IN PARLIAMENT CAME AFTER HE FAILED TO GET THE OTHER PARTIES TO AGREE TO SET A DATE FOR EARLY ELECTIONS. WHETHER ECEVIT WILL MOVE TO BLOCK IRMAK OR ORDER HIS PARTY TO ABSTAIN IN THE CONFIDENCE VOTE DEPENDS IN LARGE PART ON THE OUTCOME OF THE LATEST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO FORM A COALITION TO TAKE OVER IF IRMAK FAILS.

WHILE ECEVIT HAS FAILED TWICE TO BRING THE DEMOCRATS INTO A COALITION, DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER BOZBEYLI REPORTEDLY IS WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON THE ELECTION ISSUE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT, IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN HIS PARTY'S ELECTORAL CHANCES. TO BRING HIS PARTY INTO A COALITION WITH ENOUGH VOTES TO PROVIDE A PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY, HOWEVER, BOZBEYLI MUST OVERCOME THE OBJECTIONS OF A FACTION LED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER MENDERES' SON WHO HOLDS ECEVIT'S PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXECUTION OF HIS FATHER IN 1961.

LATE ITEM: CAMBODIA'S PRO-AMERICAN GOVERNMENT RETAINS ITS UN SEAT THE UNGA NARROWLY REJECTED A PROPOSAL EARLY TODAY TO RECOGNIZE THE THE GOVERNMENT IN EXILE OF PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK AS THE LEGITIMATE RULER OF CAMBODIA.

THE EFFECT OF THE VOTE WAS TO CONTINUE RECOGNITION OF THE U.S.-BACKED GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT LON NOL AS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA.

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THE VOTE WAS 56-54 WITH 24 ABSTENTIONS.

THE ASSEMBLY DEFERRED A DECISION ON CAMBODIA'S REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS UNTIL NEXT YEAR AND PASSED A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CAMBODIA'S RIVAL REGIMES.

THE ASSEMBLY VOTE FOLLOWED A THREE-DAY DEBATE IN WHICH MOST OF CAMBODIA'S

ASIAN NEIGHBORS SUPPORTED LON NOL. CHINA AND ALGERIA LED THE ATTEMPT TO RECOGNIZE THE EXILE REGIME OF SIHANOUK, WHO HAS LIVED IN PEKING SINCE 1973.

AN ATTEMPT TO OUST LON NOL'S REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS LAST YEAR ALSO FAILED BY TWO VOTES.

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